



Gerald Duane Wheeler

April 27, 1932 - April 19, 2014

Gerald Duane Wheeler, 81, a lifelong Wenatchee resident, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Western Saddlerock Assisted Living facility in Wenatchee, following an extended illness.

He was born on April 27, 1932 in Wenatchee to the late Clyde and Marguarite (Jones) Wheeler. He was raised in Wenatchee, attending Lincoln Elementary, HB Ellison and Wenatchee High School. He entered the U.S. Army following high school and served in Korea, on the front lines. He returned to Wenatchee after his honorable discharge. He met Joyce A. Henning and following a three year courtship they were married on August 30, 1957 in Wenatchee. They made their home in Wenatchee and raised their three sons. In November of 1957 he became a sub for the U.S. Postal Service and later became a full time postal carrier. After 30 years of service, he retired in 1987. For a short time he would work seasonally for the Chelan County PUD as a fish and wildlife helper where he would assist in planting trees and help with the fish runs. Gerald enjoyed wood working and constructed many china cabinets for family members and even did complete kitchens for a few.

First and foremost Gerald loved his family and enjoyed the get-togethers, camping and fishing trips were even better when shared with them.

Gerald was a longtime member of the church of Christ in Wenatchee and in later years, after assisting in the construction of the church in Cashmere, he became a member of the Cashmere church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents, son, Jerry Wheeler, in May 2010,

sister, Beverly "Bev" Morden and brother, Clyde Wheeler.

Gerald leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Joyce Wheeler, Wenatchee; sons, Donald (Dianna) Wheeler, East Wenatchee, Dennis (DeCheryl) Wheeler, Wenatchee; Daughter in-law, Gail Wheeler, Wenatchee; sister in-law, Helen Wheeler, Louisville, Kansas; eight grandchildren, Sylvia Woods, Wenatchee, Casey Wheeler, Peshastin, Wesley Stewart, Bozeman, MT, Lyndsey Theobald, Woodbridge, VA, Melissa Wheeler, Bothel, Viktoria "Tori" Wheeler, East Wenatchee, Dakota Wheeler, Wenatchee, Dylan Wheeler, Wenatchee; six great grandchildren, Beryl Melcher, Jade Dodson, Jewell Dodson, Stormie Woods, all of Wenatchee, Lily Wheeler, Peshastin and Anberlynn Theobald, Woodbridge, VA.

You are invited to view his online guest book at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 1:00 at the Kings Orchard Church of Christ with burial to follow at the Evergreen Memorial Park, East Wenatchee. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ We want to send our best wishes to the Wheeler family. Gerald talked warmly of his family always with his smile. He will always be in the hearts of all he touched. Rest in peace dear man, you have made a difference and are an inspiration.

Richard and Paula Lyons - April 23, 2014 at 11:09 AM

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“ I only knew Gerald a short time, but I saw quickly why so many friends came to visit him. He was very charismatic and had such a handsome smile. My heart goes out to the family and friends, whom I'm sure are hurting with such an unexpected loss. Marge Harrington, Caregiver at Western Saddlerock Adult Family Home.

Marge Harrington - April 22, 2014 at 02:45 AM

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“ Something that I will always remember is how Uncle Gerald and Aunt Joyce's love for each other was/is timeless. You would have thought they had just gotten married yesterday. What a wonderful example to me.

*With all my love,
Cheryl May*

Cheryl May - April 21, 2014 at 11:11 PM